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WEATHER

TODAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 61, Low: 37

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Mostly Cloudy
High: 47, Low: 38

Violence erupts at Virginia Tech

Shooting leaves 33 dead, questions arise about University's handling of the situation

By Sue Lindsey
The Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — A gunman opened fire in a Virginia Tech dorm and then, two hours later, shot up a classroom building across campus yesterday, killing 32 people in the deadliest shooting rampage in U.S. history. The gunman committed suicide, bringing the death toll to 33.

Students bitterly complained that there were no public-address announcements on campus after the first burst of gunfire. Many said the first word they received from the university was an e-mail

more than two hours into the rampage — around the time the gunman struck again.

Virginia Tech President Charles Steger said authorities believed that the shooting at the dorm was a domestic dispute and mistakenly thought the gunman had fled the campus.

"We had no reason to suspect any other incident was going to occur," he said.

He defended the university's handling of the tragedy, saying: "We can only make decisions based on the information you had on the time. You don't have hours to reflect on it."

Investigators offered no motive for the attack. The gunman's name was not immediately released, and it was not known if he was a student.

The shootings spread panic and confusion on campus. Witnesses reporting students jumping out the windows of a classroom building to escape the gunfire. SWAT team members with helmets, flak jackets and assault rifles swarmed over the campus. Students and faculty members carried out some of the wounded themselves, without waiting for ambulances to arrive. A student used his cell-phone

camera to record the sound of shots echoing through the stone classroom building.

The massacre took place at opposite sides of the 2,600-acre campus, beginning at about 7:15 a.m. at West Ambler Johnston, a coed dormitory that houses 895 people, and continuing at least two hours later at Norris Hall, an engineering building about a half-mile away, authorities said.

Two people were killed in a dormitory room, and 31 others were killed in the classroom

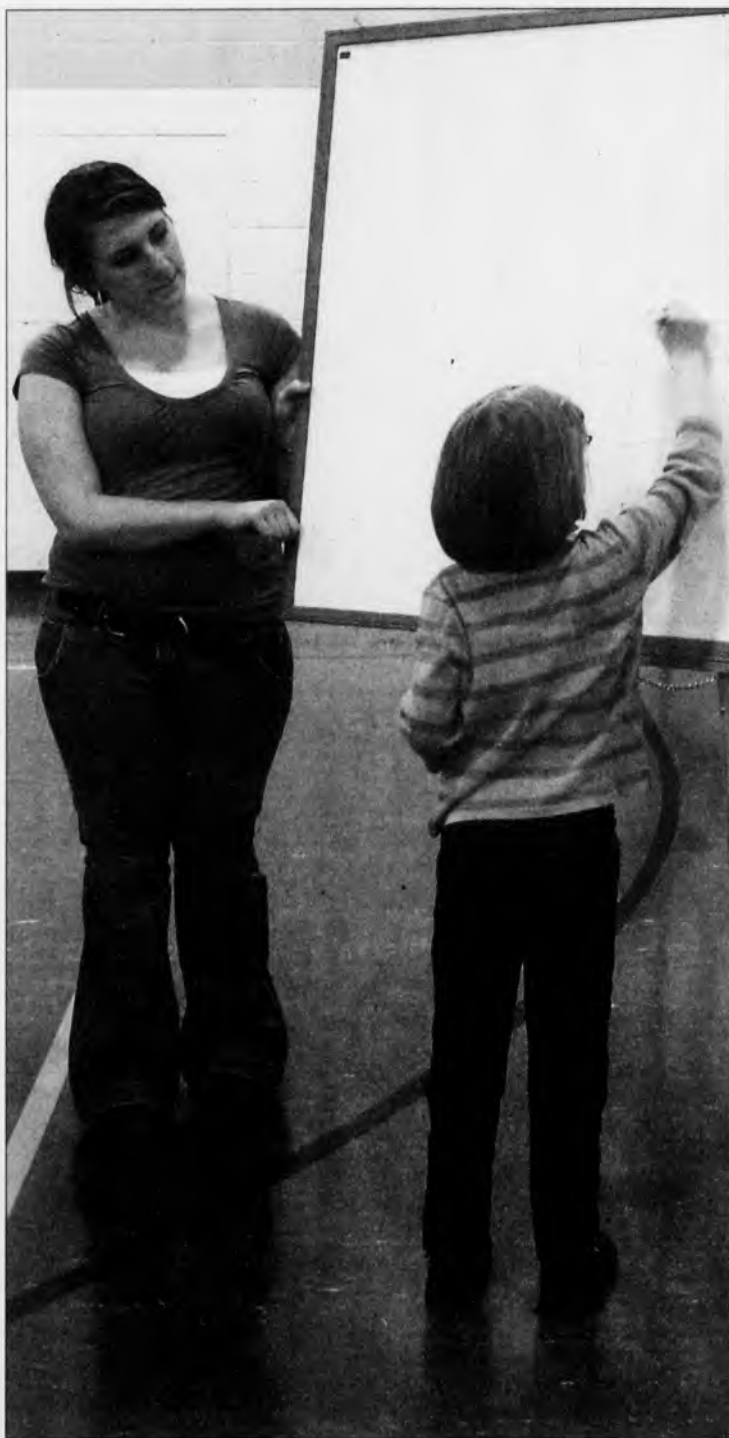


CHUCK BURTON | AP PHOTO

WALKING AWAY: Virginia Tech students walk arm in arm as they leave the dorm area

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Cultural Enlightenment



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LEFT: Molly McDonough watches a student draw while playing Pictionary at a carnival in a gymnasium.

TOP: The First and Second graders perform "Savez-vous Planter Les Choux?" with the help of Aaron Bushman and Liz Ela at Carnival avec yesterday.

Students teach children about French culture

By Freddy Hunt
Reporter

Over the past six weeks, students at Bowling Green Christian Academy have been working hard after school learning to speak French. Last night they had the chance to indulge in the French culture by throwing a carnival in the gymnasium.

Nearly 55 students, kindergarten through eighth grade, would stay after school one to two times a week to be taught functional French by 11 BGSU French majors, said Corinne Mann-Morlet, French House faculty advisor.

Over the course of the six-week program, Mann-Morlet said the kids have learned colors, animals, clothing, body parts and some popular French songs.

Last night in the BGCA gymnasium, members of the French Club showed their parents what they had learned by throwing a carnival that featured authentic French games, cuisine and song, Mann-Morlet said.

After conducting a game of 'Jaucues a dit,' the French version of Simon Says, Pam Campbell, freshman, said the kids are what made the teaching experience so worth it.

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Committee examines graduate teaching styles

By Tim Sampson
Reporter

Complaints concerning the inexperience of some graduate student instructors has sparked debate within the College of Arts and Sciences.

A committee has formed in the college to gather information about the role of graduate students in teaching undergraduate courses. But one member of the committee is calling it a veiled attempt to eliminate master's students from teaching altogether.

According to committee chair Roger Thibault, associate dean of the college, the committee is

trying to determine how many graduate students are teaching in the college, how they are being trained and what kind of support they are receiving from their departments. The panel will then provide a list of recommendations to the college to address any problems they might discover.

"Right now the whole goal of the committee is to gather information," Thibault said.

The committee was formed in response to complaints from undergraduate students and their parents about the inexperience of some graduate student

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Downtown shuttle could help boost local economy

By Jessica Spies
Reporter

Students living on campus should expect to travel to downtown Bowling Green via a University shuttle in the future. Although there is no set date for when the shuttle will start running, there are plans to find sponsors to help fund the shuttle.

The shuttle is part of a proposal to revitalize businesses in Bowling Green along with the possibility of reopening the Cla-Zel Theatre.

Almost two years ago, the Cla-Zel closed because it was losing money.

"Any filled business on Main

Street would be beneficial to downtown," said Earlene Kilpatrick, director of Main Street Bowling Green. "We would love to see the Cla-Zel come to life."

Surveys have been administered to local businesses asking what the local government can do to jump start the local economy. Some of these questions asked if businesses would benefit from the reopening of the Cla-Zel and if they would benefit from a University shuttle. The student welfare committee of the Undergraduate Student Government approached downtown businesses to see if they would support the shuttle

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Daniels issues not guilty plea

By Lisa Halverstadt
City News Editor

and

Heidi Grieser
Reporter

Craig Daniels Jr., the man accused of murdering two people in a Parker Street home on March 29, has pleaded not guilty to all four charges against him.

At his arraignment at the Wood County Court of Common Pleas yesterday morning, 34-year-old Daniels appeared before Judge Reeve Kelsey, the same judge who released him on his own recognizance after he was indicted on charges of stalking murder victim Alicia Castillon, 30, his ex-girlfriend.

Around 3 a.m. on March 29, officials believe Daniels entered Castillon's Parker Street home and shot her and new boyfriend John C. Mitchell, 22, to death. Four days after the murders, the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force found Daniels hiding under a pine tree in his mother's front yard.

Yesterday, Daniels faced charges of two counts of aggravated murder and two counts of burglary — one, a first-degree felony for breaking into Castillon's home and the other, a second-degree felony, for breaking into a nearby home the same night. Daniels may be sentenced to death or life in prison, according to these charges.

Assistant State Prosecutor Paul Dobson asked that Daniels be held without bond at the Wood County Justice Center given his history with Castillon and his immediate disappearance after the murders.

Gwen Howe-Gabers is also serving as assistant prosecutor because the state must gather evidence to prove all charges.

Before the arraignment, Daniels' defense attorneys David Klucas and Scott Hicks had filed a motion to preserve evidence, a common preventative measure by the defense and said they would make a discovery request later today to gain access to that evidence.

At his appearance, Daniels wore a white button-down shirt, a tie and khaki pants rather than the usual orange jumpsuit.

Klucas, who was appointed by the court to represent Daniels, had filed a motion that he be allowed to dress up for his court appearances.

"We thought there was already enough video of him in an orange jumpsuit," Klucas said.

Daniels' next court appearance, a pre-trial hearing, was scheduled for May 21 at 2 p.m.

After the arraignment, Klucas said he hadn't yet seen any evidence and as a result, believed there was no reason not to file a not guilty plea.

Castillon's mother Kathy Newlove said after Daniels'

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BLOTTER

SUNDAY

11:10 A.M.

Wallet reported stolen from a party at a South Maple Street home. According to the caller, the black wallet contained a driver's license, social security card, three children's social security cards and two credit cards.

11:49 A.M.

Wallet reported stolen at Sky Bar on North Main Street. The caller told police her multi-colored wallet, which contained an Ohio driver's license, a BG ID, Sky Bank debit card and keys, was taken from her purse. Staff members later found the wallet.

1:57 P.M.

Bike, value \$50, reported stolen from Radio Alley on East Wooster Street.

2:04 P.M.

Call from Katie Druckenmiller at 713 High reporting smoke in apartment building. Light smoke found in hallway and coming from under the door of Apt 73. BGFD forced entry and found fire on stove. Fire was extinguish and rooms and hallway were ventilated.

2:42 P.M.

BGFD received a call from resident at 612 Fifth. Caller couldn't reset his smoke detectors, which had been set off by an overflowed toilet.

4:24 P.M.

Garage light fixture reported stolen from a Larchwood Drive home.

6:25 P.M.

North Grove Street resident reported her windshield had been damaged.

6:57 P.M.

North College Drive resident called to report a man called her and asked for sex.

9:01 P.M.

Fairview Avenue resident reported a ring and an iPod were stolen from her apartment.

9:17 P.M.

Katy A. Dunning, 18, of Parma Heights, Ohio and Emily Sue Diepenbrock, 18, of Lima, Ohio arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia at Carter Park.

10 P.M.

BGFD received call to Cooper Seal Plant for a vent stack fire. Fire was extinguished and on-duty personnel at plant began working on damaged area immediately.



ERIC BRADY | AP PHOTO

ABANDONED: Bookbags are left outside West Ambler Johnson Hall, the suspected site of the first shootings, on the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg, Va., yesterday. A gunman opened fire in a Virginia Tech dorm and then, two hours later, in a classroom across campus yesterday, killing at least 30 people.

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building, including the gunman, police said.

"Today the university was struck with a tragedy that we consider of monumental proportions," Steger said. "The university is shocked and indeed horrified."

Steger emphasized that the university closed off the dorm after the first attack and decided to rely on e-mail and other electronic means to notify members of the university, but with 11,000 people driving onto campus first thing in the morning, it was difficult to get the word out. He said that before the e-mail went out, the university began telephoning resident advisers in the dorms to notify them and sent people to knock on doors to spread the word.

Virginia Tech Police Chief Wendell Flinchum would not say how many weapons the gunman carried. But a law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigation was incomplete, said that the gunman had two pistols and multiple clips of ammunition.

Flinchum said that some doors in the classroom building had been chained shut from the inside.

Police said they were still investigating the shooting at

Mass shooting on Virginia Tech campus

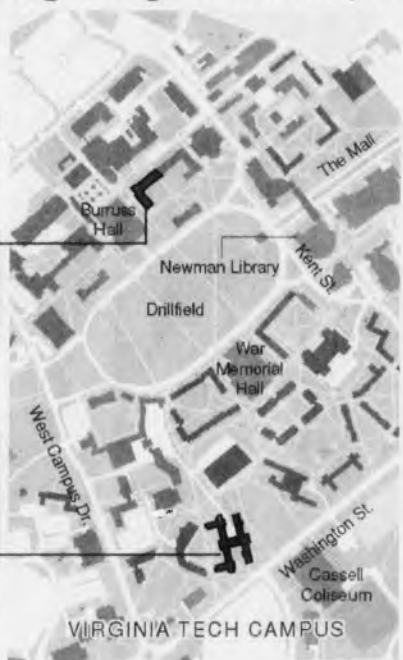
A gunman opened fire in a Virginia Tech dormitory and classroom Monday, killing at least 30 people in the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history.

Appx. 9:15 a.m.
Norris Hall
At least 30 people killed

All times Eastern (local)

Appx. 7:15 a.m.
Ambler Johnson Hall
One person killed in the dormitory

Residential/dining facility
Academic building



VIRGINIA TECH | AP PHOTO

the dorm when they got word of gunfire at the classroom building.

Some students bitterly questioned why the gunman was able to strike a second time.

"What happened today, this was ridiculous," student Jason Piatt told CNN. "While they

send out that e-mail, 20 more people got killed."

Students and Laura Wedin, a student programs manager at Virginia Tech, said the first notification they got of the shootings came in an e-mail at 9:26 a.m., more than two hours after the first shooting.

Council denies petition to expand a man's driveway

By Kristen Schweitzer
Reporter

Kevin Neal, a city resident didn't know what he was in for when he decided to expand his driveway in September.

"We were laying some concrete down to expand our driveway pretty much to get cars off the road. There was a lot of vandalism of cars [on the road]," Neal said.

When Neal decided to lay down concrete for the drive-

way he found out that his plans extended into city owned territory.

"We went for a petition to vacate Gould Street so we could expand our driveway."

The part of Gould Street which Neal petitioned to vacate runs east from South Enterprise Street to an alley, Railroad Street.

This part of Gould Street remains highly undeveloped

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appearance that she was not upset by his plea because she believes it's standard in these cases.

Instead, Newlove said she's concerned with helping others in her daughter's situation.

"Now I'm focusing on what we can do to never have this happen again," she said.

For example, Newlove suggests that judges get more information about domestic violence offenders and that offenders be registered like sex offenders.

She has already started working with state representatives to make these changes.

Newlove spoke with State Rep. Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) as she and her husband left the court.

Latta said he would be working in Columbus on behalf of this cause.

In the Daniels' case, Newlove said she is confident justice will be served.

"I think especially after the negativity with the prosecutor and judge," she said. "There are too many things against [Daniels]."

Tomorrow there will be a rally and candlelight vigil in honor of Castillon and Mitchell in front of the courthouse from 4 to 6 p.m.

Go to bgnews.com to see video footage of the arraignment.

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financially.

"Downtown businesses should contribute money for the route," said Tom Bethany, the city, state and national liaison for USG. "Everyone can pitch-in and help with the costs of the route."

Although most have been in favor of the shuttle, there are some concerns that it may become a "party" bus because it can transport students to the bars on Main Street, according to Bethany.

"It shouldn't be a weekend "party" bus, but should be a bus route that is open to students

during the week," Bethany said.

Freshman Jennifer Cooper lives in the dorms on campus and has never been to downtown Bowling Green.

"The shuttle would be good to get out because we're always stuck on campus," she said. "Some students have to go into town during the week and having a bus that will take you there would help."

The shuttle will benefit both University students and the city of Bowling Green, said Bethany.

"A lot of times students don't go out to the city and have fun and interact with people, other than going to bars," he said. "There is an exchange of students and the city and students will help the businesses."

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	CHEM 100	9 am-12 pm MTWRF		PHIL 101	6-10:30 pm TR
	ECON 202	8:30-11:30 am MTWRF		PHIL 219	6-10:30 pm MW
	EDFI 408	8:30-11:30 am MTWRF		POLS 110	10 am-1 pm TWR
	EDFI 408	1-4 pm MTWRF		PSYC 101	10 am-1 pm MTWR
	MGMT 360	6-9 pm MTWRF		PSYC 310	6-9 pm TWR
	PSYC 310	9:30 am-12:30 pm MTWRF		SOC 101	6-9 pm TWR
	SOC 101	1-4 pm MTWRF	5/30-6/14	CS 180	10 am-12 pm MWR
	WS 200	10 am-1 pm MTWRF	6/11-8/3	BIOL 205	1-4:30 pm MTWR
5/7-6/8	EDHD 201	3-6 pm TR		BIOL 332	8:30 am-12 pm TWR
	EDTL 204	3-6 pm MWF		EDAS 409	9:30 am-12:30 pm TR
5/29-6/29	ACCT 221	6-9 pm MWR		ENG 112	Web-based Course
	BIOL 101	8 am-12 pm MWF		HIST 151	9:30 am-12:30 pm TR
	CHEM 100	6-9 pm TWR	7/2-8/3	ACCT 222	6-9 pm MWR
	ECON 203	9 am-12 pm MTWR		ACS 250	Web-based Course
	ECON 311	6-9 pm MTWR		ART 101	1-4 pm MTWR
	ENG 111	7:45-10 am MTWR		EDIS 448	1-4 pm TWR
	ENG 200	9 am-12 pm TWR		EDTL 303	8:30-11:30 am TWR
	ENG 204	6-9 pm MWR		ENG 112	7:45-10 am MTWR
	ENG 261	9 am-12 pm TWR		ENG 200	3-6 pm TWR
	ENG 342	9 am-12 pm TWR		ENG 200	6-9 pm TWR
	ENVS 101	Web-based Course		ENVS 105	8 am-12 pm MWF
	F&N 207	1-4 pm MWF		GEOG 122	9 am-12 pm MTW
	HDFS 220	1-4 pm TWR		HDFS 211	10 am-1 pm TWR
	HDFS 303	1-4 pm TWR		IPC 102	6-9 pm MWR
	HIST 152	Web-based Course		MATH 095	1-4 pm TWR
	HIST 206	6-9 pm TWR		MATH 095	6-9 pm TWR
	IPC 102	8-10 am MTWR; 8 am F		MATH 115	6-9 pm MTR
	MATH 090	6-9 pm TWR		MATH 126	5:30-9:15 pm MTWR
	MATH 115	1-4 pm TWR		POLS 110	Web-based Course
	MATH 120	8:15 am-12 pm MTWR		POLS 374	10 am-1 pm TWR
	MATH 213	6-9 pm MTW			

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Passover Specials @ Kreischer SunDial
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10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

MFA Thesis Exhibition I
Dorothy Uber Bryan, Willard Wankelman and Union Galleries

3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Campus-Community Partnerships Meeting
Individuals or departments that are involved in service learning projects will have the opportunity to meet with one another to discuss what they have done to make a difference in the community. To RSVP please call Kathy Newman 2-9865 or e-mail slbgsu@bgsu.edu.

308 Union

7:30 - 9 p.m.

Pallister Francophone Canadian Lecture Series
Hejer Charf will be the featured guest at tonight's event, which will also include a screening of Les Passeurs.
Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall

8 p.m.

Navigating with Lewis & Clark
112 Physical Sciences Lab Bldg - Planetarium

8 p.m.

Percussion Ensemble
Kobacker Hall- Moore Musical Arts Center

9 p.m.

College Democrats Information Meeting
215 Olscamp

9 - 10:15 p.m.

Vision (GLBT+) Weekly Meeting
107 Hanna Hall

9:15 p.m.

President Meeting
308 Union

Nation reacts to shooting

More than 30 dead at Virginia Tech

By Deb Riechmann
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said yesterday that the mass shooting at Virginia Tech, the deadliest campus violence ever in this country, affects every student across the nation.

"Schools should be places of safety, sanctuary and learning," Bush said in reaction to the deaths of more than 30 people on the campus. "When that sanctuary is violated, the impact is felt in every American classroom in every American community."

Bush spoke with Gov. Timothy M. Kaine and Virginia Tech President Charles Steger.

"I told them that Laura and I and many across our nation are praying for the victims and all the members of university community that have been dev-

"We hold the victims in our hearts. We lift them up in our prayers and we ask a loving God to comfort those who are suffering today."

George W. Bush | Commander in Chief

astated by this terrible tragedy," Bush said in the Diplomatic Room of the White House.

"Today our nation grieves with those who have lost loved ones at Virginia Tech," he said. "We hold the victims in our hearts. We lift them up in our prayers and we ask a loving God to comfort those who are suffering today."

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said agents from the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were already on the

campus, aiding local authorities in the investigation.

"We are committed to providing support and assistance to those authorities as well as to the victims of this crime for as long as necessary," Gonzales said in a statement issued by the Justice Department.

"I am deeply saddened and angered by these senseless acts of violence," Gonzales said. "My deepest condolences and prayers go out to those affected by this horrific crime, especially those who lost loved ones."



GERALD HERBERT | AP PHOTO

SHOWING SUPPORT: President Bush arrives to make a statement regarding the shooting rampage at Virginia Tech, yesterday, in the Diplomatic Room of the White House in Washington.

SHAWNDA HESS | THE BG NEWS

Display depicts abortion as a form of genocide

RAISING AWARENESS: Senior, Travis Powell stops to look at the Genocide Awareness Project yesterday in front of the Union. It will be there again today from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Center for Bio-Ethical Reform put up the display.

High school dance requires breath tests

DUBUQUE, Iowa (AP) — Students at Wahlert High School are being tested to make sure they're not DUI — dancing under the influence.

Officials at the Catholic school said students will have to undergo a breath test before they are admitted to any school-sponsored dances for the rest of this school year, including the May 5 prom.

"Our goal is to do what we can do to ensure that our events are alcohol free," Principal Don Sisler said. "It's a big step, but it's a real simple one."

A consent form giving the school permission to administer the test was sent home

to parents along with a letter from Sisler.

Students from other schools who attend the dance also will be required to bring a signed consent form, Sisler said.

Students who test positive will be retested, he said.

"If there is any question about the first test, we administer a second," he said. "If it's a breath mint or some mouthwash throwing off the first reading, that tends to dissipate quickly. We'll retest them."

Sisler said the school previously used breath tests on an individual basis when officials suspected alcohol use at dances.

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

How did you feel about the "Genocide Awareness Project" display in front of the Union?



"It was kind of disturbing."

RONDRE ASHFORD, Freshman, English



"It definitely raised awareness, but it was blatant."

TARA STAMPS, Sophomore, Education



"I was a little offended, it made me feel uncomfortable."

JACLYN LEDINSKY, Sophomore, Spanish Education



"I thought it was a little excessive."

CORY TRAVIS, Junior, Tourism

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Price increase for birth control is unfair to college women

A change in policy and price could have disastrous consequences on students who can't afford their medications



SCOTT RECKER, COLUMNIST

Recently college women all across the nation have been shocked by the dramatic increase in oral contraceptives in college health centers.

The increase is due to a 2005 bill that made it harder and more expensive for drug manufacturers to give discounts to college health centers.

After the passing of this bill giving discounts to colleges means drug manufacturers would have to pay more to participate in Medicaid.

According to an article on the CNN Web site entitled

"College students to pay more for birth control pills," birth control pills have gone up in price 100 percent or more and 39 percent of undergraduate women use oral contraceptives.

This obviously poses a problem because college is not exactly the most financially stable part of one's life and some women pay for this medicine out of their pockets because they don't want to inform their parents that they are using oral contraceptive. When this is the case, the prescription is not covered by health insurance.

So once again lawmakers fail to realize that some people have a tight budget and cannot simply afford high prices of medication.

The problem with this sudden increase in birth control

prices is that some college women will simply stop purchasing the medicine and this will lead to much more unprotected sex on college campuses.

I think the government is pretty much shooting themselves in the foot with this new bill.

Everyone knows college students have a bad reputation for binge drinking and random hookups.

With the increase of birth control prices and many women getting off of oral contraceptive the amount of unplanned pregnancies in college campuses could skyrocket.

This will lead to many women having to drop out of school.

Another sad truth behind this bill is that it will lead to many more single mothers

because college hookups do not always make the best relationships.

So essentially this bill will lead to the rise of many more single mothers that need government assistance.

With these actions some women that once had a bright future will face many hardships.

According to the same article on the CNN Web site, "The American College Health Association contends the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services should have added college health centers to the exemptions lists and has supported a proposed rule change that would do so. A spokesman for the agency said it is reviewing that proposal."

College students have very limited money and the rise in

medicine prices may have college women removing birth control from their budget.

In a financially unstable time such as college no one can honestly expect an undergraduate woman to shell out \$30 to \$50 or more a month on a prescription that they do not need to survive.

According to an article by The Daily Collegian Online entitled, "More expensive birth control spurs frustration," "The ACHA is currently considering an advocacy campaign for students to write letters to their representatives on Capitol Hill to express how the legislation is affecting them."

I think this would be a great thing for college students to participate in because it is important to let the government know how this bill is

unfair and how college students want it changed.

We need to let the government know that we have a voice and our opinion does matter because we are the future of this country.

Hopefully this bill is reviewed and the flaws of this bill are exposed so that college health centers are added to the exemptions list.

If prices of birth control continue to increase many students will engage in less safe sex and many more unplanned pregnancies will occur.

This bill was not well thought out and will just lead to many more problems among the financially unstable.

Send comments to Scott Recker at srecker@bgsu.edu.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gruesome display doesn't do any good

I am compelled to respond to the Center for Bio-ethical Reform's "Genocide Awareness Project," which is on campus this week.

CBR claims abortion involves body parts and blood—yes. Most surgical procedures do.

If we prohibited surgeries based on grossness, many life-saving procedures would not exist.

I found CBR's mastectomy photos more disturbing than the fetus photos. However, I would never argue that women should be denied mastectomies just because the procedure looks gruesome.

Another fact CBR points out is that fetuses have fingers and toes—yes, again and most people know this already.

All Ohio abortion clinics are required by law to give patients a photo booklet on fetal development (funded by taxes) twenty-four hours before their abortions.

The goal is to make women rethink their decisions.

It doesn't work.

Pregnant women who do not want to give birth have sought abortion when it was illegal, dangerous and socially stigmatized.

Knowledge of what fetuses look like has little effect when women are faced with unwanted pregnancy.

CBR also claims abortion is a "hate crime"—the equation of abortion with hate crime equates living humans with fetuses, and hatred and fear (which fuel genocide) with women's decisions regarding childbearing.

Almost nine years ago, Matthew Shepard and James

Byrd, Jr., were murdered in grisly hate crimes that captured national attention.

When CBR equates abortion with hate crime, they are equating these two men with fetuses.

In doing so, they rob victims of hate crimes of the relevance of their lives. This is a shame, indeed.

I am disappointed that Falcons for Life would sponsor this group without care for the many women and men in our community who might be traumatized by their photos: those who have had miscarriages, mastectomies or difficulty conceiving.

There is nothing just or supportive about CBR's "Genocide Awareness Project."

— Jeannie Ludlow, Faculty, Women's Studies, jludlow@bgsu.edu.

Men's sporting cuts may be issues of budget, not Title IX implications

DIANE REGAN | GUEST COLUMNIST

On behalf of the BG branch of the American Association of University Women, I feel compelled to respond to Brian Szabelski's recent opinion piece on Title IX.

Szabelski sets up a false dichotomy—in order for women to advance in sports, men must lose opportunities—that is often presented in the face of decisions to reduce men's athletic teams and while this position certainly has some currency and appeal, it is simply not the case.

His call, like others who think like him, for "a change to make sure that male athletes do not end up getting the short end of the deal" needs a response.

For over 100 years the AAUW, with more than 100,000 members, has worked for equity for women and girls.

One of our members, Rep. Patsy Mink (D. HI) helped to lead the Title IX legislation to passage in 1972 because in the 1960's she was denied admission to more than 20 medical schools because she was a woman.

In discussions of Title IX, it's important to remember the law has to do with guaranteeing that females have the same access to the full range of educational opportunities that males do.

It also means that the percentage of males and females at a given school will determine how many athletic opportunities must be made available.

These won't always be even since many schools, BG included, enroll a higher percentage of women than men.

It's not about the number of

teams; it's about the number of places on teams.

What's really troubling is that when schools have cut men's sports, they always seem to cite their obligation to comply with the mandate of Title IX as the reason.

If men accept this simplistic explanation then they are doing themselves a disservice. I would encourage them to dig a little deeper into decisions about which sports are supported and which are cut as they are never exclusively a response to Title IX.

Such decisions are based on budgets, attendance, scholarship allotments and student interest among others.

Examine the impact that maintaining a football team

has on the profile of student athletes.

The number of men on a football team and the accompanying costs in recruitment, scholarships, equipment, etc., are much more likely to be the reason why other men's sports are cut; because there is no single women's sport that requires such a large number of participants, support for football, then, results in a need to increase opportunities for female athletes.

I think it's important to remember that Title IX never intended that men's sports be cut to even the score.

Those choices are made at the local level. Finally, while I understand it's probably easier to sell such hard and complex

"...There are still vastly more opportunities for men to compete in intercollegiate athletics and greater sums of money spent on male sports today, despite the fact that more women are enrolled in our colleges and universities."

decisions to the public as the result of Title IX, it's unfair to women and an incomplete explanation at best.

The bottom line for anyone who cares is that there are still vastly more opportunities for men to compete in intercollegiate athletics and greater sums of money spent on male sports today, despite the fact that more women are enrolled in our colleges and universities.

Title IX says that if there is

one pie, then it needs to be fairly divided; if male athletes feel the pie is too small, then that's a different problem.

The worst thing would be for male athletes to blame females over how the pie is divided when that decision is being made by the baker.

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Death toll rises in Iraq

Roadside bombings claim majority of American soldiers' lives during war

By Shashank Bengali
MCT

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Over the past six months, American troops have died in Iraq at the highest rate since the war began, an indication that the conflict is becoming increasingly dangerous for U.S. forces even after more than four years of fighting. From October 2006 through last month, 532 American soldiers were killed, the most during any six-month period of the war. March also marked the first time that the U.S. military suffered four straight months of 80

or more fatalities. April, with 58 service members killed through yesterday, is on pace to be one of the deadliest months of the conflict for American forces.

Senior American military officials attribute much of the increase to the Baghdad security crackdown, now in its third month. But the rate of fatalities was increasing even before a more aggressive strategy began moving U.S. troops from heavily fortified bases into smaller neighborhood outposts throughout the capital, placing them at greater risk of roadside bombings and

small-arms attacks.

Roadside bombs have long been the No. 1 killer of American troops in Iraq. Since October, officials said, insurgents have been employing more sophisticated devices, with the most lethal results coming in Baghdad. Nearly 38 percent of military deaths since October have occurred in the capital, compared with 29 percent over the previous 12 months, according to the Iraq Coalition Casualty Count (<http://icasualties.org>), an independent, U.S.-based Web site that monitors military and civilian casualties.

Pulitzer Prize for history awarded to Islam fundamentalism book

By Richard Pyle
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Pulitzer Prize for general nonfiction was awarded yesterday to Lawrence Wright for his book, "The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11," a penetrating analysis of how Islamic fundamentalism has reshaped the modern world.

Gene Roberts and Hank Klibanoff won the Pulitzer Prize for history for "The Race Beat: The Press, the Civil Rights Struggle, and the Awakening of a Nation." The book traces how the civil rights struggle was covered by the press, breaking down prejudices within journalism and as well as in American society.

Cormac McCarthy won for fiction for his sparse, apocalyptic novel, "The Road."



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CELEBRATION: The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, managing editor Hank Klibanoff right, celebrates after it was announced he won the 2007 Pulitzer Prize for history.

Debby Applegate won for biography for "The Most Famous Man in America: The Biography of Henry Ward Beecher," the 19th century abolitionist and preacher.

"It took me about 20 years to

write this book from the time I stumbled upon Beecher's work and thought I'd write a college seminar paper on him," said Applegate, 39, who studied at Amherst College as an undergraduate.

Walmart sees increase in revenue

By Jackie Farwell
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. dethroned Exxon Mobil Corp. to win back first place on the 2007 Fortune 500 list after a confluence of economic forces led American companies to their most profitable year in the compilation's 53-year history.

The big retailer posted a more than 11 percent increase in revenue to \$351.1 billion and profits of \$11.3 billion, according to the magazine's annual ranking of the nation's largest companies. The discounter has topped the list five out of the last six years.

Fortune compiled the rankings based on companies' 2006

revenues.

Nipping at Wal-Mart's heels was 2006 title-holder Exxon Mobil, which had \$347.3 billion in revenue and the highest profit in history by a U.S. company, reaching \$39.5 billion.

Collectively, the Fortune 500 raked in profits of \$785 billion in 2006, the highest since the list's inception in 1954.



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WADING THROUGH ROUGH WATERS: Men in wetsuits walk from house to house checking for stranded residents as flood waters rise in the Cedar Crest Village section of Vineland, N.J., due to flooding from a spring storm.

Storm's path of destruction kills at least nine nationwide

By DAVID BAUDER
The Associated Press

CROTON-ON-HUDSON, N.Y.

— A menacing spring storm punished the Northeast for a second straight day yesterday, dumping more than 8 inches of rain on Central Park and sending refrigerators and pickup trucks floating down rivers in one of the region's worst storms in recent memory.

"This one is really a horror show," Gov. Eliot Spitzer said after touring hard-hit areas north of New York City.

The nor'easter left a huge swath of devastation, from the beaches of South Carolina to the mountains of Maine. It knocked out power to hundreds of thousands of people and was blamed for at least nine deaths nationwide,

"We have incredible amounts of damage... I've never seen anything like it"

Steve Costello | Spokesman for Central Vermont Public Service

including a New Jersey man who drowned inside a car.

The storm showed no immediate sign of letting up. The National Weather Service predicted showers through Wednesday night in the New York City area, with rain mixed with snow at times.

The storm was especially harsh in the Westchester County suburbs north of New York City and in New Jersey, where the state was placed under a state of emergency and more than 1,400 residents were evacuated — many by boat.

Vermont got about 17 inches

of snow, with flakes still falling yesterday across sections of Pennsylvania, New York and Maine.

"We have incredible amounts of damage," said Steve Costello, a spokesman for Central Vermont Public Service, describing power lines brought down by high wind. "I've never seen anything like it."

New Jersey authorities called it the worst storm to hit the state in 15 years. Five homes burned down in one town after fire crews could not reach the buildings because of floodwaters.

Pet owners question options after food recall

By Denny Boyles
MCT

FRESNO, Calif. — With the list of recalled pet foods growing daily, owners face a tough choice: buy ultra-expensive organic pet foods, buy mass-produced brands that may be recalled tomorrow, or make their own pet food at home.

None of the options is risk-free, and opinions about which is right vary, even among veterinarians.

"I'm not sure myself," said Dr. Sukhwinder Singh of the Family Pet Hospital in Clovis, Calif. Singh said

he began recommending organic pet foods or home-cooked meals for pets after products he recommended showed up on the list of contaminated foods.

"Brands that I trusted have been recalled," Singh said. "Now, I'm not confident recommending any commercial brand."

Andrea Fascetti, an associate professor at the Nutrition School of Veterinary Medicine on the campus of the University of California at Davis, said that despite the extensive recall under way, commercial pet foods have historically been safe.

Bush continues to push for troop extension in Iraq

By Ben Feller
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, prodding Congress to extend the Iraq war without calling troops home, said yesterday that Democratic leaders owe it to veterans and their families to pass the war-spending bill he wants.

"Listen, I understand Republicans and Democrats in Washington have differences over the best course in Iraq," Bush said from the White House. "That's healthy. That's normal, and we should debate those differences. But our troops should not be caught in the middle."



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instructors.

"We've had parents complain that community colleges could have provided better instructors," said Thibault.

Undergraduates have mixed feelings about the issue.

"They are very enthusiastic and they are excited to teach what they teach, but I don't think they're as knowledgeable as a professor who already has their degree," said Matt Sutter, senior.

Others said they actually preferred graduate student instructors in some cases.

"Professors may know more, but I like being talking with my TA because I feel like they're more willing to help," said Katherine Sobler, junior.

Thibault said the main focus has been on master's students and classes where the only teacher is a graduate student.

Although the committee will not be able to make any recommendation until after all the information has been gathered, Thibault said a range of options are on the table. Recommendations could include anything from standardizing the way graduate students are trained to eliminating master's students from the classroom altogether.

But according to one member of the committee, decisions have already been made behind the scenes.

Luke Nichter, vice-president of the Graduate Student Senate and a member of the committee,

said Thibault has made it clear he favors phasing out master's students from the classroom.

"[Thibault] said word-for-word in the committee that I will provide funds to any department who wants to pull an MA student out of the classroom," Nichter said.

Nichter pointed toward the absence of any graduate students at the committee's initial meeting as evidence of an attempt to covertly eliminate master's students from teaching.

He also accused Thibault of not sharing the specific student and parent complaints with the committee and was skeptical of their validity.

"We've not seen any of these complaints he [Thibault] is talking about," Nichter said. "So it's not very clear to us at this moment what we're doing."

But Thibault disagreed with Nichter's accusations, saying that, although the elimination of master's students has been suggested as an extreme possibility, it is not very likely.

"I said that we could consider it — that we could decide later whether or not that might be necessary," Thibault said.

According to Thibault, a total phasing out of graduate students across the college is not likely because of the potential financial impact.

Many departments would struggle to afford new instructors to replace the graduate students who would be eliminated, he said.

He did admit, however, that the elimination of master's students from certain departments

"They are very enthusiastic and they are excited to teach what they teach, but I don't think they're as knowledgeable as a professor who already who already has their degree,"

Matt Sutter | Senior

is possible.

Other members of the committee agreed that a total elimination of master's students was not likely.

"Phasing out master's students is not really even a possibility," said Deanne Snively, associate dean of the graduate college and member of the committee.

"From the meetings we've had so far I believe that it is an information seeking committee to reaffirm our support for graduate student teachers," she said.

In addition to the financial impact, Nichter said that teaching undergraduate classes is too important to the graduate student experience to be eliminated.

"We have to teach," he said. "We get credit for teaching and when we're recruited here where told we'll have teaching experience as part of our degree experience. And in many ways we earn

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"All the kids would get really excited about learning French and it's just really encouraging when the kids say, 'au revoir' [farewell] when they walk out the door," she said.

While peeling a shirt, or a 'chemise,' off a stuffed animal dog, Aaron Bushman, freshman, explained how impressed he was with how easily the kids grasped the language.

"Sometimes we would teach them something and we would feel like they didn't really get it," Bushman said. "Then later they would end up impressing us because they actually remembered a whole lot more than we expected them to."

Once everyone at the carnival had their chance to play French learning games and taste authentic French foods such as brie de meaux, baguette, quiche, tapenade and Nutella filled crepes topped with powdered sugar, the students entertained the carnival crowd with classic French songs.

Mann-Morlet said the after school program is the only opportunity students at BGCA have to learn about the French culture and it's important they learn, especially at a young age.

"It exposes them to the idea that there are other languages and other cultures out there," Mann-Morlet said.

Besides being a great opportunity for the kids, Becky Seigneur, freshman French education major, said the program provided

her with a teaching experience.

"It was a really good opportunity for me to have my own classroom, having the experience of working in a classroom setting and running the class," Seigneur said. "It's only my first year and I already have lesson plans I can use." This was the first year for the French Club at BGCA and Mann-Morlet hopes the French House can contribute to the program every year.

"Our intention is to open the program to the rest of Bowling Green, get the other elementary school in the community involved as well," she said.

The BGCA French Club was made possible by the Partnership for Community Action, the Center for Innovative and Transformative Education and the BGSU French House.

COUNCIL

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and is not frequently traveled, according to Gordy Heminger, city council member.

However, the concern is that while Neal may get his expanded driveway, the city, who owns the property may need it in the future, and not all residents are happy about the idea of the area being vacated for someone's personal gain.

Neal and others participated in a public hearing last night to debate the issue, which was on the city council agenda for the third consecutive meeting.

"The city may never need the area," Larry Sorrells, another

city council member, said at last night's city council meeting. But in order to vacate the street there must be good causes shown and no detriment to public interest, according to Ohio law.

John Zanfardino, city council member, wanted to know where the other residents stand. According to city attorney Michael Marsh, two residents whose property is located off the street are in favor but one other resident is not.

Max Rayle, an attorney, represents a client with property who would lose access to land if the property was vacated.

To give land away for the benefit of one citizen is a detriment to public opinion, according to Rayle, which violates Ohio law.

The legislation, in its original format, was put up for adoption at the meeting, but failed, 6 to 1. City Attorney Michael Marsh said that he will work on an ordinance to grant easement for the petition.

Members of the council would all like to see a win-win situation, according to Heminger, and want to help any legal way possible.

Neal was confident at the conclusion of the meeting that the easement will give him the solution that works for everyone.

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Election too close to call

French candidates ready for final week

By Elaine Ganley
The Associated Press

PARIS — A week before the French begin choosing their next president, the dozen candidates moved into the final campaign stretch like a band of ragtag political warriors, insulting, pleading and dickering for votes.

In the first round of an election that no one dares call in advance, Socialist presidential hopeful Segolene Royal has made an unflinching appeal to women to support her in Sunday's vote, while front-runner Nicolas Sarkozy is reaching out to farmers, to those who voted no to a European constitution and to all who love France.

Unlike previous elections, no single theme has emerged. Jobs, immigration and the French identity have all taken turns in the spotlight.

The only constant has been the front-runner status of conservative candidate Sarkozy whom far-right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen dreams of facing in the May 6 final round.

Candidates have five days left to campaign, until Friday night, and they are casting their nets wide.

At a Paris rally on Sunday, Le Pen, in fourth place in polls, predicted a "big surprise" in the first-round vote, perhaps large enough to match his stunning performance in 2002 elections. The anti-immigration candidate placed second then and faced off incumbent President Jacques Chirac in the final round.

"There will again ... be a big surprise, a crying and gnashing



MAXIME JEGAT | AP PHOTO

SUPPORT RALLY: Presidential candidate and leader of the center-right Union for French Democratic party, or UDF, Francois Bayrou, waves to supporters in Lyon, central France.

"There will again ... be a big surprise, a crying and gnashing of teeth... I count on the general mobilization of all French patriots."

Jean-Marie Le Pen | Presidential candidate

of teeth," the 78-year-old Le Pen told a crowd of 5,000. "I count on the general mobilization of all French patriots."

An earthy orator who typically lambasts opponents, Le Pen took aim at Sarkozy. "You haven't understood the formidable anger of the French, plundered, ruined, desperate, at the political scum of which you are

one of the leaders," he said.

Sarkozy's campaign has been haunted by the word "scum," which he used in 2005 as interior minister to describe delinquents, days before riots broke out in housing projects. The term has handicapped his ability to campaign in poor neighborhoods where voter registration has dramatically increased.

Nigeria election in 'disarray'

By Bashir Adigun
The Associated Press

ABUJA, Nigeria — Nigeria's Supreme Court ruled yesterday that the country's vice president, who had fallen out with the president and his powerful party, should be allowed to run for president, throwing the race into disarray only days before the vote.

The decision in favor of Vice President Atiku Abubakar came after violence and fraud charges during weekend state elections

underlined questions about the state of democracy in Africa's most populous country.

"I have always said I will run," Abubakar told reporters. The electoral commission "had always said they are prepared to include my name any time they receive the judgment of the Supreme Court."

Saturday's election should set up the country's first handover of power between elected civilians since its independence from Britain in 1960. But Nigeria's democratic experiment could be

imperiled if its 62 million voters see the balloting as tainted.

Judge Umaru Katsina Alu, reading a unanimous judgment from the seven-judge panel, struck down an earlier appeals court decision that said the electoral commission had the right to vet and disqualify candidates from the race.

The commission had barred Abubakar after an executive panel established by President Olusegun Obasanjo said Abubakar stole government funds. Abubakar denies the allegations.



ABD RAOUF | AP PHOTO

CRISIS: Arko Minawi, chief aide to Sudanese President Omar el-Bashir, welcomes U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte, left, before their meeting in Khartoum, Sudan. Negroponte is on tour to press for solutions to the Darfur crisis.

Helicopters sent to bring peace

By Edith M. Lederer
The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Sudan yesterday accepted the deployment of U.N. attack helicopters and 3,000 peacekeepers in Darfur, the first time it has allowed a significant injection of U.N. forces to help African troops struggling to bring peace to the region.

Sudanese Foreign Minister spokesman Ali Sadiq said Khartoum has accepted the so-called "second package" that outlines the deployment — including the attack helicopters. The Sudanese government, however, had resisted a U.N. force in the past and frequently reversed position after appearing to agree to a peacekeeping mission.

"The heavy support package has been fully accepted by the Sudanese government, there is no more discussion," Sadiq told The Associated Press.

He said it was now up to the United Nations to decide when to deploy some 3,000 troops and the gunships to reinforce the African Union mission.

The United States had held off on imposing sanctions against Sudan to allow time for the government to decide to accept the U.N. plan, under which a joint force of U.N. and African Union peacekeepers would be deployed in Darfur.

In Washington, a State Department spokesman said the announcement left much to be desired and omitted several key provisions that would allow the force to operate effectively and efficiently.

"While it is a partial step

"There are still elements and other caveats that remain in place."

Sean McCormack | Spokesman

forward, it certainly does not meet all the requirements," said the spokesman, Sean McCormack. "There are still elements and other caveats that remain in place."

He noted that the Sudanese agreement left undecided the command and control of the force and limited the participation of non-African troops in the operation.

Sudan's U.N. ambassador informed Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in a letter that the government had approved the U.N. plan.

"It is the sincere hope of the Sudan that implementation of the heavy support package would proceed expeditiously," said Ambassador Abdalmahmood Abdalhaleem.

The current force of 7,000 AU peacekeepers has been unable to stop the fighting in a region the size of France or Texas. About 2.5 million people have been driven from their homes in Darfur and are living in poorly protected camps in the province and eastern Chad.

Until now, Sudan has said it will accept only a small number of U.N. security forces and equipment to support the AU mission. Sudanese President Omar

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WORLD BRIEFS

Damaged bidet toilets receive repair

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's leading toilet maker Toto Ltd. is offering free repairs for 180,000 bidet toilets after wiring problems caused several to catch fire, the company said yesterday.

The electric bidet accessory of Toto's Z series caught fire in three separate incidents between March 2006 and March 2007, according to company spokeswoman Emi Tanaka. The bidet sent up smoke in 26 other incidents, the company said.

"Fortunately, nobody was using the toilets when the fire broke out and there were no injuries," Tanaka said. "The fire would have been just under your buttocks."

The company will repair 180,000 toilet units manufactured between May 1996 and December 2001 for free, she said. A manufacturing defect is thought to have led to the faulty wiring.

Toto has been a pioneer in high-tech toilets fitted with pressurized water sprayers — a standard fixture in Japanese homes.

The popular Z series features a pulsating massage spray, a power dryer, built-in-the-bowl deodorizing filter, the "Tornado Wash" flush and a lid that opens and closes automatically. Prices range from \$1,680 to \$2,600.

The model is not sold overseas.

Accident causes rabbits to block highway, cause delays

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Five thousand rabbits blocked a highway yesterday, tying up traffic after the truck that was carrying them collided with another vehicle and overturned.

Neither driver was hurt, but some 500 rabbits were killed, authorities said.

The M1 highway — the main road between the capitals of Hungary and Austria — was closed for hours while authorities gathered up the animals, Highway Patrol spokeswoman Viktoria Galik said.

By midday, 4,400 bunnies had been rounded up, but 100 were still roaming the fields surrounding the highway.

"Those 100 are free to go. We will not collect them," Galik said.

The ending wasn't so happy for the ones that were recaptured. They were expected to complete the trip to a slaughterhouse, authorities said.

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8-year-old marathon runner looks to compete in 2016 Olympics

By Evan Osnos
MCT

LINGAO, China — The clock above her bed read 2:24 a.m. — time for the 8-year-old to train for another marathon.

Second grader Zhang Huimin, who weighs 42 pounds and likes the Little Mermaid, sat up and gave a groggy glance around the one-room home she shares with her father, an out-of-work fish farmer with a singular goal: grooming his daughter for the 2016 Olympics.

"Don't dawdle," her father said softly, "or you won't be out the door by 2:55."

Next year, Beijing will host the 2008 Olympics, casting an unprecedented spotlight on China's athletes and the nation that shapes them. Huimin is too young for the Beijing Games, but she has already appeared in an Olympic promotion on state television, her first flicker of national fame.

On this Saturday, as she does most weekends, the girl will run more than 26 miles before school — on top of dozens of miles she runs before school each week. Those statistics cry out for skepticism, but watching her run for more than four hours or interviewing marathon officials who recorded her recent races makes it hard to find any hints of a hoax.

To her adoring village in



ATHLETE: Zhang Huimin, 8, right, runs at dawn with her father, Zhang Jianmin, in the southern city of Lingao, China. She is China's youngest marathoner. She is too young for the 2008 Olympic games in Beijing, but she was featured in a recent Olympic promotion.

EVAN OSNOS | AP PHOTO

southern China, her image — pigtails and arms swinging, her father cycling beside her — embodies strength and sacrifice. But to others just learning of her story, she personifies a darker side of today's China: a culture of relentless competition amplified by a media hungry for celebrities.

The story of China's youngest marathoner is most likely not about the world's next great runner; her tiny body is almost certain to give out if she keeps

running so much, experts in China and the U.S. say.

Rather, her story is most revealing about the conditions that created her: a father whose dream of sporting glory never materialized, an impoverished town dazzled by attention, and a nation where the transformative power of fame can make almost anything seem worthwhile.

"It's good for her," said Li Kequan, head of the running club in the nearby city

of Haikou. "It's also good for the country and it's good for Haikou."

Indeed, this patch of the Chinese countryside has few other icons. Haikou is the capital of China's smallest and southernmost province, Hainan. On the edge of the city lies the rice-paddy county of Lingao, population 400,000, barely a speck by Chinese standards. Water buffalo amble across the highway. Farmers earn an average of \$1 a day.

FORCES

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al-Bashir has said the deployment of U.N. troops would violate Sudan's sovereignty. Many believe he fears the U.N. force would arrest Sudanese officials suspected of war crimes in Darfur.

More than 200,000 people have been killed and 2.5 million have been displaced in the four-year conflict in Darfur, which began when rebels from ethnic African tribes rose up against the central government. The government is accused of responding by unleashing

the janjaweed militias of Arab nomads — blamed for indiscriminate killing. The government denies the charges.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte, in Sudan as part of an international push to pressure the government over Darfur, yesterday reiterated accusations that the government in Khartoum was actively supporting the janjaweed militia.

"The government of Sudan must disarm the janjaweed, the Arab militias that we all know could not exist without the Sudanese government's active support," Negroponte said.

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John Negroponte | U.S. Deputy Secretary of State

He also said Sudan was hindering international efforts to help the refugees.

"The denial of visas, the harassment of aid workers and other measures have created the impression that the government of Sudan is engaged in a deliberate campaign of intimidation," he said.

The United Nations and Sudan agreed in November on a three-stage plan to strengthen the undermanned and under-equipped AU peacekeeping force in Darfur. It was to culminate in the deployment of a joint AU-U.N. force with 17,000 troops and 3,000 police officers.

Army instructor's racial comments face scrutiny

By Kirsten Grieshaber
The Associated Press

BERLIN — Germany's Defense Ministry said yesterday an army instructor's order to a soldier to imagine being accosted by blacks in New York's Bronx borough while firing a machine gun was "absolutely unacceptable" but denied it was a symptom of widespread racism.

The instructor who issued the command, recorded on a video circulating on the Internet, was under investigation, ministry spokesman Thomas Raabe said.

"This behavior is absolutely unacceptable and contradicts the training standards of the German army," he said at a news conference.

Raabe insisted it was an isolated incident.

"We have a success story for more than fifty years in our German army and it is really seldom that something like that happens. I think it is not a special German problem," he later told AP Television News.

In New York, Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion Jr. has demanded an apology and called for whoever was responsible to be disciplined.

"The German government obviously has work to do to correct something that is insidious. ... Clearly these folks don't know anything about African-Americans or the Bronx," he said Saturday, after the video was aired on German television.

The clip shows an instructor and a soldier dressed in camouflage in a forest. At first, the instructor tells the soldier to imagine gunning down terrorists trying to hijack an airplane. The soldier fires several rounds.

Then the instructor tells the soldier, "You are in the Bronx. A black van is stopping in front of you. Three African-Americans are getting out and they are insulting your mother in the worst ways. ... Act."

The soldier fires his machine gun and yells an obscenity several times in English between bursts. The instructor then tells the soldier to curse even louder.

The video has vanished from a German Web site but since appeared on Youtube.com.

"This behavior is absolutely unacceptable and contradicts the training standards of the German army."

Thomas Raabe | Ministry Spokesman

The video follows two other incidents that raised concerns about training in the German army, which is increasingly being called on to carry out sensitive overseas peacekeeping missions.

A group of army instructors accused of abusing and humiliating recruits in 2004 is currently on trial. Last year, newspapers published photos of German soldiers in Afghanistan posing with skulls — including one who exposed himself.

The German military, or Bundeswehr, was founded in West Germany in 1955, more than 10 years after the collapse of the Nazi government at the end of World War II. It has some 250,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen, of whom around 38,000 are draftees.

As a reaction to Germany's Nazi past, the Bundeswehr stresses character, ethical conduct and personal responsibility with the expectation that civilian society's legal norms are to be upheld by those in uniform. The contemporary armed forces specifically reject most of Germany's pre-1945 military traditions.

In Germany in general, inciting racial hatred — including by denying the Holocaust — is a crime.

The Defense Ministry said the video was filmed in July 2006 at barracks in the northern town of Rendsburg and that the army had been aware of it since January. Raabe said a soldier had given a superior a CD containing the clip.

The video has drawn only muted reaction in Germany. A headline in the taz newspaper focused on reaction in the United States: "Army Video Horrifies New Yorkers."

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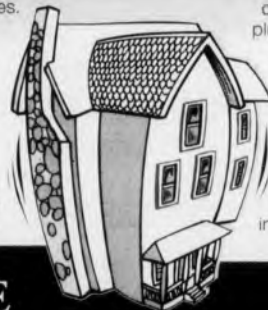
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Little sleep can lead to disaster

Lack of sleep assumed to be a factor in the Comair Flight crash in Kentucky

By Barbara Isaacs
MCT

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Most Americans pay little attention to their chronic sleep deficits — until there's a tragedy.

Lack of sleep is a safety concern that's gotten some attention recently, whether it's airline pilots, truckers, medical residents or even just everyday people driving drowsy.

Last week, unions representing pilots and air traffic controllers said that lack of sleep was probably a factor in the crash of Comair Flight 5191, which took off from the wrong runway in pre-dawn darkness at Lexington, Ky.'s Blue Grass Airport. The captain, co-pilot and air traffic controller all had an inadequate amount of sleep leading up to the Aug. 27 crash, according to a study commissioned by the Air Line Pilots Association.

"It happens on a daily basis," said Fred Turek, director of the Center for Sleep & Circadian Biology at Northwestern

"They are such a part of everyday life that we take it for granted."

Fred Turek | Director

University. "It only makes the news if there's a major loss of life."

Circadian rhythms govern our body's natural sleep-wake cycles. It's why we feel sleepy at night — especially during the hours between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. — and it makes it difficult to sleep during most daylight hours, unless you're sleep-deprived.

"They are such a part of everyday life that we take it for granted," Turek said of sleep-wake cycles. "What people don't recognize are the consequences. All it takes is for you to close your eyes for a microsecond." Turek said most people realize they are alert at certain times of the day, sleepy at others.

From green to white tea: switch may prolong life

By Jodi Mailander Farrell
MCT

Product:

White tea, 20 tea bags, \$17.75.

Key ingredients:

Like other teas, it comes from the *Camellia sinensis* plant, but the leaves are picked and harvested before they fully open, when the buds are still covered by silver fuzz, which turns white when the tea is steamed.

The pitch:

The lightest and rarest of teas, white tea has antioxidants that many believe fend off cancer, increase the chances of long life and improve dental health.

How it works: Antioxidants help guard the body from the damaging effects of free radicals.

Pros:

Tea leaves for white tea undergo even less processing than green tea leaves. Leaving them so close to their natural state means they contain



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more polyphenols, the antioxidant that fights and kills cancer-causing cells. A 2004 study at Pace University concluded that white tea can help your body's immune system fight off viruses and dangerous infection-causing bacteria. The same study concluded that fluoride-rich white tea helps prevent the growth of dental plaque, the chief cause of tooth decay. In 2000, Oregon State University researchers found that white tea may prevent DNA mutations, the earliest steps leading to cancer. The researchers' latest data indicates white tea may protect against colon

cancer in particular.

Cons:

White tea is scarcer than other teas and a lot more expensive. Research is still in preliminary stages, so there's no proof that white tea can do for humans what it does in the lab.

Bottom line:

If you're drinking green tea for health reasons, it makes sense to switch to white tea — if you're willing to pay the extra bucks.

Tips for tasty whole-wheat flour treats

By Jim Romanoff
The Associated Press

The problem with whole-wheat flour is that despite its good-for-you image, it doesn't always do good things for the palate.

Whole-wheat flour tends to produce baked goods with a heavy, dense texture as well as a bitter taste, especially when used in recipes developed for all-purpose flour. And while some people have learned to love (or at least tolerate) this, most have not.

But it's worth finding a way to make whole wheat work. The American diet is sorely lacking in whole grains, which have been found to play key roles in overall health and disease prevention.

Start by understanding your terms. White flour (often called all-purpose) starts from the same grain as whole wheat, but has been refined. This process strips away the nutrient-rich, and some say bitter tasting, germ and reddish-colored bran.

Whole-wheat flour, which has five times the fiber of all-purpose, retains the bran and the germ as well as all the beneficial folate, thiamin, magnesium, vitamins B6 and E, and healthy phytochemicals that go with them.

When baking with whole-wheat flour — especially when using recipes intended for all-purpose — try these tricks for getting better results.

Start by replacing only part of the all-purpose flour with whole-wheat. This significantly ups the recipe's whole grain count, but prevents the baked good from becoming too dense. It also minimizes the astringent flavors that some people dislike about whole wheat.

The editors at Vermont flour company King Arthur Flour say another trick for reducing that whole-wheat flavor is substituting a bit of orange juice for the liquid in the recipe. In their recent book, "King Arthur Flour Whole Grain Baking," they say the juice tempers the tannic flavors of the flour without adding any detectable orange flavor.

Once you've made the recipe with a 50-50 ratio, tinker with it to tilt the balance in favor of whole wheat. Be aware that if you replace all of the white flour with whole wheat, you may need to adjust the liquids, too. Whole wheat flour absorbs more liquid than white, though this shouldn't be a problem with 50-50 ratios.

Study highlights negatives of U.S.

By Julie Deardorff
MCT

America is one of the richest countries in the world. It's also one of the worst industrialized places for kids to grow up and has a greater percentage of depressed people than impoverished, war-torn nations do, according to two major studies.

The first unflattering finding comes from a recent UNICEF child-welfare study that measured everything from the number of books in the home to infant-mortality rates, drinking and drug use and the percentage of children who eat meals with their families.

Of 21 wealthy nations surveyed, the U.S. ranked second to last. Only Britain was worse. Child well-being was highest in the

Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark and Finland, places that invest heavily in their children.

The problem isn't just that, compared with the European countries, the U.S. lacks day-care services and has poorer health and preventive-care coverage, which has left 9 million children without health insurance.

America finished dead last in terms of infant-mortality rates, vaccinations, the percentage of newborns with low birth weights and deaths from accidental injuries.

We finished second to last when the researchers assessed a child's diet, physical activity and weight, exposure to violence and bullying and the number of 15-year-olds who smoke and drink and have sex.

And, in what could explain why

we're among the most depressed people on Earth, according to a study of 14 nations conducted jointly by the World Health Organization and Harvard Medical School, we finished second to last when researchers examined relationships with family members and friends and family structure.

Children say they don't spend time "just talking" to their parents. And they generally don't find their peers "kind and helpful," according to the study.

It shouldn't be a surprise that 9.6 percent of Americans suffer from depression or bipolar disorder, according to the WHO/Harvard study, that binge eating or drinking is up or that children are heavily medicated for depression and attention-deficit disorder.

Following certain steps can relieve pinched nerve pain

By Chuck Myers
MCT

Excess pressure on a nerve surrounded by tissues can lead to a painful condition commonly called a pinched nerve. Any part of the body can experience a pinched nerve. A herniated disk in your lower spine, for instance, can lead to a pinched nerve. Or, a compressed medial nerve in a wrist can lead to a pinched nerve.

Common symptoms of a pinched nerve include:

- Pain
- Numbness and tingling
- Changes in sensation along the neck and arms
- Weakness in the arms, hands, or fingers

A pinched nerve is typically a short-term event that disappears in 3 to 6 weeks. In the meantime, you can take the following measures to treat the situation:

- Rest
 - Stop the activity causing the nerve compression
 - Use corticosteroids to relieve pain
 - Wear a splint, brace or other support on the effected area
- If the nerve pain continues or gets worse, you may need to visit a doctor. He or she may suggest surgery or physical therapy to remedy the pain.

Sources:

- Mayo Clinic
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SOFTBALL

Wiemer, Vallas recognized after stellar weekend

Sophomore Hayley Wiemer and junior Allison Vallas have been recognized by the Mid-American Conference for their outstanding play in their four game sweep over Miami and Ball State this weekend. Wiemer has been named MAC East Pitcher of the Week while Vallas earns Player of the Week honors.

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OUR CALL

On the way up

Tanking: The NBA's worst teams do actually have something to play for — more ping pong balls. Since the worst teams get the most balls, it's a loss-fest to the finish in the Kevin Durant sweepstakes.



On the way down

Brady Quinn: After closing out his college career as a projected top five pick, Quinn's stock has fallen quickly because of... nothing. Hard to imagine how this can happen, but the fashionability of ripping on Quinn in the media may be costing him millions.



The List

The season is about a dozen games in for those teams not dealing with snow-outs, and some teams haven't gotten the memo that spring training is over. Here are the bottom five teams in Major League Baseball to this early point in the season:

1. Nationals:

Going into last night's game, Washington was 3-9. Can they lose 100 or more games? The chase is on!

2. Royals: Should have a sign outside the stadium reading: "Hey, we're not the worst anymore."

3. Giants: San Francisco is having all kinds of problems this season, most notably a lack of production from Barry Zito, who the team paid \$126 million to play for the Giants.

4. Devil Rays: The team has some serious potential, but the first half of this season will be full of growing pains in Tampa Bay.

5. Orioles: Baltimore has really struggled producing runs, scoring two or less in five of its games this season.



RYAN EVANS | THE BG NEWS

WEAR AND TEAR: Above is one of the many cracks to be found on the Whittaker Track Facility which is in a state of disrepair.

Cracked track

Construction will soon begin to replace the track facility

By Josh Whetherholt
Reporter

"[A new track] will be very good for practice and recruiting."

Cami Wells | Coach

Seven years. That's how long it has been since an outdoor track meet was held at BG. The last time the current track was resurfaced, there was a different Bush in the White House and it shows.

The Whittaker Track Facility is in quite a state of disrepair. It is riddled with fissures and holes due to a failing substructure, broken joints and over a decade's wear and tear.

The various pits to the practice jumps are completely unusable, which makes a difference when switching from indoor to outdoor track. Just about the only thing still in decent shape are the throwing areas, and even they are not much to look at.

With new, modern facilities springing up all over the state

such as the beautiful indoor facility at Akron or the recently built Jesse Owens track at Ohio State, it has made it difficult for BG to attract all desired athletes.

Even most high school tracks are currently in better shape than BG's, a fact that has in some ways hindered the progress of the track team when recruiting is concerned.

"It's hard to tell [a recruit] that you care about track and field when the track looks the way it does," coach Cami Wells said. But all of that is about to

change. Plans are currently under way to remove the current track facility and build a new one.

Vasco Sports, located in Massillon, Ohio, builders of the Football Hall of Fame Fawcett Stadium in Canton, has been given the contract to replace the old track with a new \$770,000 facility complete with a new eight lane track with wider, smoother turns, new jumping areas and new cages for the throwing events.

"We always want to be competitive with the other MAC schools from a facilities standpoint," said assistant Athletic Director Jim Elsasser.

The track program is not the only one getting new facilities. The football stadium recently got a facelift and the tennis team is set to get eight new ten-

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Club ruggers beat the Bonnies

By Chris Voloschuk
Reporter

As the BG men's club rugby A team waited four hours in the cold of St. Edward High School's stadium in Cleveland, there was some concern.

For starters, the players had to stay warm and ready in the freezing northeast-Ohio conditions. Next, their opponent, St. Bonaventure, was a good team who had been a finalist in the Division II national championship a year ago. Lastly, the game would be played in front of a large audience of potential rugby recruits.

BG coach Roger Mazzarella helped make sure his team was ready to go when the game finally started, but admittedly wasn't sure in the beginning how to attack St. Bonaventure.

"We really had no idea how St. Bonaventure played," Mazzarella said.

When the game finally did get underway, the Falcons came out like gangbusters,

and went into halftime with a 36-0 lead over the Bonnies.

An all too familiar scoring attack propelled the Falcons to an 81-0 win, and a continued undefeated record for the A team on the spring season (6-0).

According to scrum half Zach Williams, the outcome of the game was a little surprising.

"We were told that St. Bonaventure was a Division II finalist from last year, and that they were tough," Williams said.

The game was yet another timewhere everything seemed to fall into place for BG, as they used their speedy playing style, as well as the backfield attack of Williams to put up points repeatedly. Mazzarella said that the Bonnies simply had no answer for anything they did.

"We were surprised at how disorganized Bonaventure's defense was, considering they

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Track team returns after two-week break

By Josh Whetherholt
Reporter

The BG track team traveled to Berkeley, Calif., this past weekend, running in the Brutus Hamilton Invitational and aimed to take on the tough competition in Cali., Washington and Rice among others. It was the first meet for the Falcons since the end of March and the Falcons were eager to commence competition.

BG owned the 3,000 meter steeple chase, taking first, second and fifth in the event. Jamie Roflow finished with a time of 10:55.31 — good enough for second — 23 seconds ahead of third, and Andrea Pereira de Almeida took fifth with a time of 12:44.59.

But it would be Kim Settle that won the gold, blasting through the race with a 13 second, personal best time of 10:52.84, just two seconds over the regional qualifying time.

"I always expect [Jamie and Kim] to do very well in that event," said coach Cami Wells. "They both had very good efforts."

Roflow and Kim Settle set themselves comfortably at the front of the pack for the MAC as they finished with the top two best times, thus far in the 3,000 meter steeple chase, with third best at 11:18.

In the 1,500 meter run Kara Butler came through with a personal best time of 5:01.91, preparing her for her main events of the 5,000 and 10,000 meter runs.

"She did a good job," Wells said. "She was sick last spring with mono, so it's been nice to see her bounce back this year."

In the 800 meter run, Danielle Thornton represented BG, running a collegiate personal best time of 2:17.65.

Not to be outdone, the sprinters performed exceptionally well, led by Jessica White finishing third in the 100 meter dash — her first this season — and seventh in the 200.

"I thought she had a good opener for the 100 this season," Wells said. "We want her racing her best at MAC, and she competed well in the event."

Fresh-off a recent knee injury

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JOKES: Cleveland Cavaliers' Donyell Marshall, left, jokes with teammate David Wesley during a time out in an NBA basketball game against the New Jersey Nets in Cleveland.

Marshall and Snow take to the Cavs' sidelines

CLEVELAND (AP) — Eric Snow and Donyell Marshall are adjusting to more time on the bench as the postseason for the Cavaliers arrives this year.

The veterans have lost playing time with coach Mike Brown going in different directions with younger players.

Neither Snow nor Marshall is sure how they're going to handle their responsibilities once the playoffs begin this weekend.

"The circumstances are

different now. We've taken a different road to get here this year," Snow said. "When you're on the court, you have to show your experience and leadership, and if you're not on the court, you've got to do it without playing."

Marshall has averaged just over 10 minutes a game in the last 20 games, and less than seven points this season. The 33-year-old's nightly minutes and output are at their lowest

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Kenyan wins third Boston Marathon in a row

By Jimmy Golen
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Robert Cheruiyot won the Boston Marathon for the third time yesterday, defending his title in the remnants of a soaking nor'easter to bring Kenya its 15th victory in 17 years. Russia's Lidiya Grigoryeva captured the women's crown.

Cheruiyot, who also won in 2003, set the course record last year but fought the wind and rain to finish in a slower, unofficial time of two hours, 14 minutes, 13 seconds.

"When the lion is chasing the



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ENDURANCE: Runners are shown on Boylston Street near the finish of 111th running of the Boston Marathon in Boston yesterday.

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Fourteen-year-old professional bullfighter nearly gored to death

By Mark Stevenson
The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — A 14-year-old matador who left Spain to escape his home country's ban on young bullfighters was nearly gored to death in a Mexican ring, his lung punctured by a 900-pound bull.

Jairo Miguel, who has been bullfighting professionally in Mexico for about the past two years, was fighting at the Aguascalientes Monumental Bull Ring on Sunday when a bull named Hidrocalido rushed him at top speed and lifted him in the air, appearing to carry him several yards with one horn firmly lodged in his thorax.

"I'm dying, dad, I'm dying," government news agency Notimex quoted Jairo as saying immediately after the goring.

Jairo's father, Antonio Sanchez Caceres, is also a well-known bullfighter who came with him to Mexico from Spain and was reportedly at the ring on Sunday

when his son was injured. The parents could not immediately be reached for comment.

The slightly built, baby-faced Jairo was billed as the youngest matador in the world when he came to Mexico almost two years ago at age 12, apparently to escape Spain's ban on bullfighters younger than 16. He once told reporters he had cried prior to a fight.

In his two years in the Mexican ring, Jairo has scored some victories that earned him the right to cut off the defeated bulls' ears. But he has also been trampled and knocked around.

In Spain, an aspiring "torero" must be at least 16 to begin training with small bulls but is not allowed to kill a bull in the ring before he or she is 18, said an official from the Royal Bullfighting Federation of Spain.

But in Mexico, some start as young as 12 or 13, and there appears to be a rush toward ever-younger fighters who have become a growing attraction in

Latin America.

Dr. Carlos Hernandez Sanchez said Jairo was the youngest goring victim he had ever treated. But he does not think he was too young to be in the ring.

"These are injuries that happen. He's a great bullfighter," Hernandez Sanchez said.

Dr. Luis Romero, the surgeon who operated on Jairo at Aguascalientes' Guadalupe Clinic, said the bull's horn brushed his aorta and came about an inch from his heart.

"He was lucky, if you can call somebody who has been gored by a bull lucky," he said.

If the four-inch gash had been one inch closer to the heart, "this surely would have been a catastrophe where it would have been very difficult to control" the bleeding.

Jairo was connected to a respirator on Monday but doctors were confident they could restore much of his lung function and expected him to recover.



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SWEEP: Eight Man Fred Ackermann sweeps the end of the St. Bonaventure defense to start a scoring movement.

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played in a national championship," Mazzarella said. "They were definitely surprised by our speed."

Another factor that pushed the momentum and tempo of the game in BG's favor was the St. Ed's playing surface itself.

Williams said that the game was a lot of fun to play, because the stadium playing surface was a fast new kind of turf.

"It was a lot of fun," Williams said. "It was fast, which was an advantage for us because that's how we play. It kept the pace of the game high."

In other BG rugby action, the B team narrowly beat Detroit University 24-19, the C team

took down the University of Toledo 30-0, and the rookie team beat Findlay 51-10. The four combined wins pushed the team's overall record to 19-1 on the spring season.

Next in line for BG is a trip for the A and B teams to Miami (OH) this Saturday, with the C team heading to Oberlin College for a match. Start times are scheduled for 1 p.m.



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DILAPIDATED: The wooden bleachers at the Whittaker Track Facility will also need replaced if BG is to host a MAC outdoor meet.

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nis courts by mid-summer.

Some details are still being hammered out concerning the budgeting, including whether or not new bleachers will be included.

The current wooden bleachers are in poor condition and new bleachers would be needed if the track program ever wishes to host the MAC outdoor meet any time soon.

Groundbreaking is estimated

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Jim Elsasser | Athletic Director

to take place some time in the next two weeks. The entire project is likely to take 90 days and be completed in mid-July.

"It's been a long process, but it is what's best for the athletes and competition," Wells said.

"[A new track] will be very good for practice and recruiting."

"We're just excited about the new track and for the women's track program to have a new facility and get a chance to host some meets," Elsasser said.

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ry, Nicole Standback came out strong in the 100 meter hurdles, taking fifth in the tight finishing pack, with a time of 14.72.

Also in the hurdles was freshman heptathlete Kristen Carver who placed seventh in the event, as well as fifth in the long jump.

"[Kristen] is a very hard worker and I thought she did a good job," Wells said. "I think she could be very successful in the heptathlon when she gets all of her individual events down."

Competing at Michigan State in the long jump, unattached, Amanda Sefcik leapt a career-best 19' 6.5" which ranks her second all-time at BG.

Sabrina Forstein also carved her name in the BG record books in the pole vault, going a height of 10'8", third best all-time at BG.

In the shot put, TaKarra Dunning showed her usual prowess in the ring, taking third in the event with a throw of 46'8".

Liz Honegger joined her in the throws after a two season hiatus to focus on basketball, and she came back strong taking fifth in the shot put and seventh in the discus.

"Liz has a good work ethic," Wells said. "She helps to provide more competition in the group which leads to competing better in meets. I look forward to seeing what she can accomplish this season and next season now that she is focusing only on track."

Andi Bunko also showed up to compete, taking third in the javelin throw with a mark of 135'1", not quite qualifying for regional, but was throwing near-qualifying length during warm-ups.

"Andi is always a consistent thrower, she's one of the top javelin throwers in the conference," Wells said. "She's been working hard to get the qualifying mark and I have no doubt that she'll get it, she's just waiting for that breakthrough throw."

The Falcons will compete this weekend in Cincinnati at the All-Ohio meet where they look forward to getting a glimpse of what the MAC has to offer this outdoor season.

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levels in 11 years.

Marshall was a big factor for the Cavaliers in the playoffs last year.

His 19 points in Game 1 and 28 points in Game 6 of the Washington series helped put the Cavaliers over the top. In the Detroit series, his 14 points and 13 rebounds in Game 5 helped the Cavs earn their biggest win of the season.

What his playoff destiny is this time around is unknown.

"My job right now is to be a leader even if I'm not out on that floor," Marshall said. "I feel I may be used a little more in the playoffs, but it's up to me to find a way get into my own groove without getting much time. If I don't get much time, I've got to figure out how to contribute in other ways."

Snow's role is more defined. No longer the starting point guard, in a switch made in February, the 33-year-old is used primarily as a situational defender.

In the playoffs, when games often come down to halfcourt battles, Snow probably will get time for matchup purposes. Still, it is a change from a year ago, when he played as much as 45 minutes in some playoff games.

"Some of the things I tried to do last year may now have to be done vocally," Snow said. "Specifically in talking to younger guys individually. Because you play the same team over and over, it becomes such a mental game."

Perhaps too mental rather than physical for Snow and Marshall, who, no doubt, would prefer to have the more high-profile roles they did a year ago. But reality indicates that might not happen this time around.

"As the team's veterans, we have responsibility to lead, no matter our role. It's even more prevalent in the playoffs," Snow said. "In the playoffs, everything is magnified because the game slows down, and the little things become a bigger deal."

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antelope, he doesn't look back. He has to eat," Cheruiyot said. "So when I run, I don't stare at my time."

Cheruiyot outkicked countryman James Kwambai as they headed into Kenmore Square with a mile to go and beat him by 20 seconds. The defending champion kept his feet under him as he crossed the finish line — something he had a bit of a problem with when he won in Chicago last fall.

That fall left him with a concussion and headaches that persisted until as recently as last month. This time, Cheruiyot held his arms to the side and blew a kiss to the crowd as he stepped over the slip-proof line 20 seconds ahead of Kwambai.

Grigoryeva, who set the course record in Los Angeles last year, veered to the stands to grab a Russian flag just before crossing the finish line to win by 40 seconds in 2:29:18. Top American hope Deena Kastor fell back after stomach problems diverted her from the course for a minute near the midpoint.

"It's hard to deal with a disappointing performance when you've prepared for so much better than you did out there," said Kastor, the defending London champion, American record-holder and Olympic bronze medalist.

The weather was milder than forecasters had feared — 52 degrees with a moderate rain at the start — and the sun even came out halfway through. But winds picked up as the runners turned onto Beacon Street in Cleveland Circle for the last, long home stretch to Copley Square.

"From the waist down it was horrible," said Peter Gilmore, who was the top American, in eighth place. "My legs froze. It was the cold, my hamstrings and everything just started cramping up. Once the moves started, especially at Heartbreak, that was it."

The leading women ran in a pack of seven for the first half of the race before several, including defending champion Rita Jeptoo and Kastor, began to fall behind. Kastor fell back after the midpoint, and Jeptoo at the 17-mile mark, heading into the Newton hills.

Grigoryeva, Latvia's Jelena Prokopcuka and Mexico's Madai Perez ran shoulder to shoulder from there until Perez and then Prokopcuka fell back as they crossed the Massachusetts Turnpike and headed into Kenmore Square.

The two-time defending champion of the New York City Marathon, Prokopcuka was second to Jeptoo in Boston last year in the closest finish — 10 seconds — in the history of the women's race. This year's race wasn't as close but her finish was the same; Perez was third, another 18 seconds back.

Cheruiyot won in 2:07:14 last year and then went on to win Chicago. But what seemed to be a runaway turned scary when he slipped on the finish line and banged his head on the pavement as he raised his hands to celebrate breaking the tape.

Although at first it wasn't even clear he made it to the end, his torso bounced across the line as he fell and hit his head. Since then, he's had trouble sleeping, blurry vision and back problems. During a training race three weeks ago he went back to the hospital because of headaches.

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Ohio is home to oldest living WW1 vet

By John Seewer
Associated Press Writer

NORTH BALTIMORE, Ohio — J. Russell Coffey gets an occasional autograph request or visit from someone wanting to know more about his life. He's adored by the nurses who bring him cups of water and push his wheelchair.

The 108-year-old former college professor is the oldest known surviving U.S. veteran of World War I. He sees his status as an honor but doesn't consider himself a celebrity.

He joined the Army because he didn't want to get drafted and it was the patriotic thing to do.

"I just didn't think anything about it," Coffey said in an interview last week. "They had us all in uniforms and we did a lot of drilling. I didn't mind it."

More than 4.7 million Americans joined the military from 1917-1918. There are only two other U.S. veterans still alive from the "war to end all wars," according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Coffey, born Sept. 1, 1898, didn't see action overseas. He enlisted in the Army while he was a student at Ohio State University in October 1918, a month before the Allied powers and Germany signed a cease-fire agreement.

He was disappointed at the time. "I think I was good to get out of it," he says now.

The other known surviving American soldiers are Frank Buckles, 106, of Charles Town, W.Va., and Harry Landis, 107, of Sun City Center, Fla., according to the Veterans Affairs



LIFE GOES ON: J. Russell Coffey, 108, one of three oldest living World War I veterans known in the U.S., is photographed at Blakely Care Center in North Baltimore, Ohio, Friday, April 13, 2007.

Department. John Babcock, 102, from Puget Sound, Wash., served in the Canadian Army.

Coffey played semipro baseball, earned a doctorate's degree in education from New York University, taught in high school and college and raised a family.

He drove his car until he was 104. He lived on his own until three years ago.

Coffey never talked much about the military, said his 85-year-old daughter, Betty Jo Larsen. "That wasn't his primary interest," she said.

He loved to visit foreign countries, calling Ireland his favorite. "They were really jolly people," he said.

Today he lives at the Blakely Care Center, a nursing home in northwest Ohio where there are few memories of his past inside his room.

A small American flag attached to a stick sits atop his dresser. Three photos of his family's red cabin in Michigan are taped to

the furniture.

And on the room's only window is a Bowling Green State University sticker from the school where he taught physical education from 1948 until 1969.

He loved teaching. "I could see results," he said. "I could see improvement."

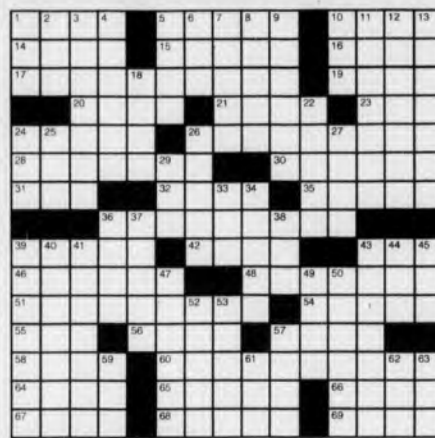
His thoughts come slowly now. His skin is paper thin and tears easily. He has trouble hearing, especially with his left ear. Sometimes, a question is repeated without a response.

Yet, ask something that sparks a memory and his head rises up and his eyes open slightly.

He doesn't answer right away when he's asked what he is most proud of in his life. "I'll have to think about that," he said.

"I was proud of everything that was good that I was doing," he said, resting his head in his right hand.

A few minutes later, his head bobbed and he fell asleep.

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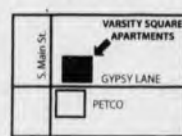
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